

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF M/S GUNUPUR STONE QUARRY - I & II FOR PRODUCTION OF 4838 CUM / ANNUM OF STONE OVER CLUSTER AREA OF 8.497 Ha AT GUNUPUR VILLAGE, GUNUPUR TEHASIL IN THE DISTRICT OF RAYAGADA HELD ON 02.04.2022 AT 11.00 A.M. AT-TOWNHALL, GUNUPUR UNDER GUNUPUR MUNICIPALITY, RAYAGADA

The public hearing in respect of the above project was held on 02.04.2022 as per the schedule and at the venue in accordance with the EIA Notification S. O. 1533 (E) dt. 14.09.2006. The public hearing with regard to date, place and time was announced in Public Address System in surrounding villages and Gunupur Municipality areas of proposed project site and also published in Daily News Paper. The process followed for public hearing was adequate.

Er P Kar, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Rayagada welcomed the public to the hearing and briefed about the objectives, process & procedures followed for conducting such public hearing.

Shri Somanath Pradhan, OAS (S), Additional District Magistrate, Rayagada highlighted on importance of such hearing & presided over the public hearing.

Sri Deba Prasad Choudhury, Project Consultant of M/s Gunupur Stone Quarry-I & II has explained about the proposed project and briefed about the Pollution Control measures to be adopted in the Project.

The following is the summary of the public hearing proceedings, reflecting all the views and concerns expressed by the assembled public at the venue. It was recorded by the officials of the Regional Office, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Rayagada.

1. Sri Satyanarayan Sahu, Gunupur

Sri Sahu informed that since last two years they are facing problems for sand. Earlier the Tractor trip of sand was Rs 1300/- & now trip becomes Rs 2600/- due to non-functional of stone quarry. He demanded for operation of stoneQuarries I &II at the earliest for the development of the locality as well as for their benefits.

2. Sri Biswanath Sahu, Advocate, Gunupur

Sri Sahu welcomed the project & hoped that this will be beneficial for them. He expressed that local labourers & old people will get their livelihoods in this project. He informed this mine is not new & was operating earlier & urged that District Administration should ensure safety in this project. He emphasised on proper supervision to avoid any accident in future. He apprehended that beneficiaries of Indira Awas Yojana may have to procure stone from black markets if the quarry will not be operational & demanded for early operation of quarries for their benefit.

3. Sri Bhagirathi Bisoi, War d Member, Gunupur

Sri Bisoi expressed his happiness over the conduct of Public Hearing for both quarries. As local counsellor, He requested the Government for starting of Stone quarries for the benefit of the public. He informed that due to lack of stones many beneficiaries of Indira Awas could not able to construct their houses & they faced various difficulties during COVID period. He demanded to the Government for giving permission immediately to operate the quarries

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4. Sri Dilleswar Jogi, Gunupur

Sri Jogi requested to extend Help for development of School.

5. Sri JatraSabar, S P Guda, Gunupur

Sri Sabar expressed that, they suffered like anything since last one year due to close down of quarry. He informed that Government paying Rs 2 Lakh under Indira Awas Yojana, but Stone costs Rs 3000/-per Trip & questioned how they will manage with such high rate of stones after paying wages to Masons & Labourers. He requested to start the quarry immediately for their benefit.

6. Sri Sridhar Sabar, S P Guda, Gunupur

Sri Sabar informed that they are facing problems due to lack of stones for last two years & unable to construct their Houses under Indira Awas yojana & get their livelihoods. He strongly recommended to start the quarries on urgent basis for their benefit.

7. Sri Madhab Sabar, S P Guda, Gunupur

Sri Sabar expressed that the poor peoples are facing lots of difficulties due to COVID followed by close down of Stone quarries. He hoped that if quarry will operate, local poor people will get their livelihoods, village will be developed. He urged that Quarry should operate for the survival of the local people.

8. Sri Ramachandra Sabar, S P Guda, Gunupur

Sri Sabar supported the versions of previous speakers. He informed that due to close down of quarries the people dependant on it for their livelihoods got job less & went as migrant labourers to other states. He hoped that if quarry will operate many local people get their livelihood & can secure their future. He emphasised on following the Rules of the Government. He informed that about 100 to 200 peoples were dependant on the Quarry & he left the decision on Government for functional of the Stone quarry.

9. Sri Nira Sabar, Talasoura, Gunupur

Sri Sabar expressed that they are suffering for last two years for closing down of Stone quarries & informed that per trip stone costs around Rs 3000/-.No chips & metals available for them. He suggested that quarry should be operated for their betterment.

10. Sri Atal Kumar Palo, S P Guda, Gunupur

Sri Palo urged that operation of Stone quarry will lead to their peaceful life.

The Regional Officer, SPCB, Rayagada read over the issues raised by the public in the hearing and Sri Sarat Chandra Nayak, OAS (JB) Tehasildar, Gunupur responded to the issues raised for M/s Gunupur Stone Quarry I & II.

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Shri Somanath Pradhan, OAS (S), ADM, Rayagada has given concluding remarks on the hearing and elaborated the process to be followed for submission of the proceeding to the SEIAA, Bhubaneswar for further action. He extended thanks to the public participated in the hearing and for offering their views, suggestions and objections.

The issues raised by the public and corresponding comments of the applicant were prepared in Odia and English and it is annexed with the proceedings as Annexure-I & II respectively, list of the oral deliberators and participants in the hearing is annexed as Annexure-III & IV respectively. The videography of proceedings are recorded and submitted as DVD (One number).

Hearing ended with thanks to the chair.

Er P Kar

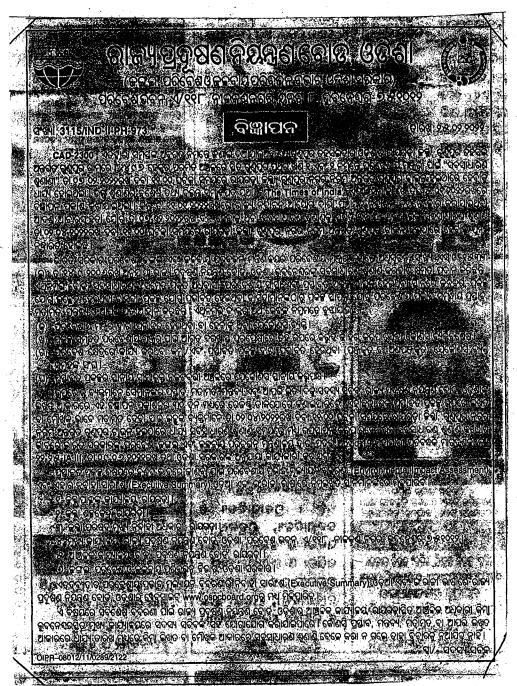
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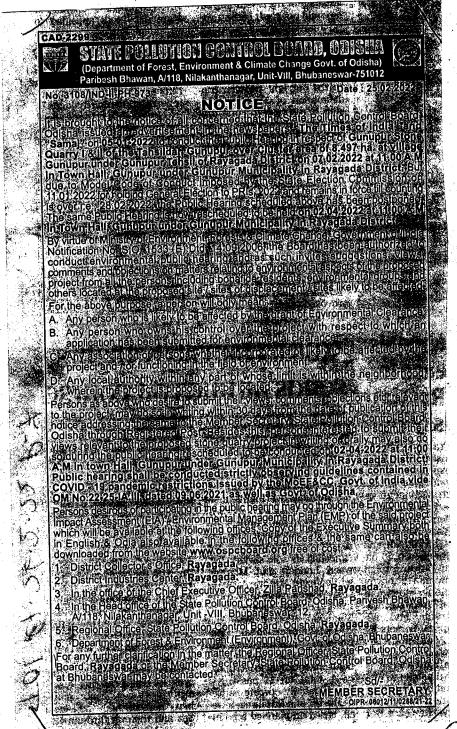
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